

## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE LOWER TOWN OF QUEBEC.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Royal Proclamation having announced that the Writs for calling a new Parliament have been issued, I feel it necessary, according to my promise, to address you more at large than I did in my advertisement of the 9th June, which has continued to appear in the Gazette and the other public papers of Quebec.

It will occur to you that at the last General Election I did not offer myself by advertisement; on the morning of that election I was conducted to the Hustings with cordiality and friendship, and was received *within* the Hustings with equal marks of esteem and approbation.

I did not obtrude myself on the public; I was unanimously chosen by shew of hands.

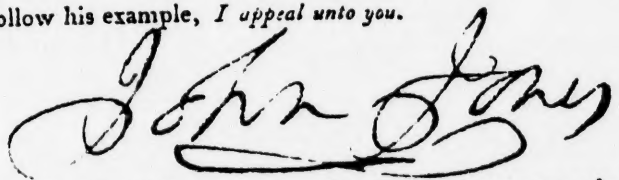
In my address of thanks for so flattering and distinguished a mark of your favour, I pledged myself "*to justify your choice by a zealous and sedulous attention to the public service;*" and now, Gentlemen, I have the confidence to declare to you that I have not been deficient in my duty, that I have kept my promise, and performed my covenants with the public; that as your Representative, I have acted a disinterested and independent part, having nothing else in view than the welfare of the country.

During the short sessions of the last Legislature, I shewed a solicitous and persevering regard for the concerns of the Province, in the prosperity of which I have some interest. I was engaged to you by Indentures for four years; I have served but one year: *You* have not dismissed me; I have done nothing to forfeit your good opinion, and therefore hope you will not withdraw your confidence.

I speak to you, Gentlemen, with the frankness and candour becoming a man fond of rational and practical liberty, and proud of our free Constitution, as a fellow citizen residing among you for thirty-two years, in social and friendly intercourse, through the various successions of families.

His Excellency the Governor in Chief, by the constitutional exercise of the Royal prerogative in calling a new Parliament, "*has resorted to the sense of his Majesty's subjects;*" I follow his example, *I appeal unto you.*

Quebec, 10th October, 1809.



\* \* As I shall have neither act nor part in making or distributing Handbills other than this Address, none are to be imputed to me the original of which is not entirely of my handwriting, as well as of my signature.

J. J.